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PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	1481.0290000
First Inventor	Michael A. Willen
Title	System, Method, and Computer Program Product for Forecasting Weather-Based Demand Using Proxy Data
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 45]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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(Appendix)
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. To be Assigned; Filed: November 12, 2003  
For: **System, Method, and Computer Program Product for  
Forecasting Weather-Based Demand Using Proxy Data**  
Inventors: Willen *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1481.0290000/PEG/TAD

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
2. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating  
An Extension of Time;
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**System, Method, and Computer Program Product for  
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the application comprising:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
  - b. specification containing:
    - i. 40 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 4 pages of claims (20 claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - c. 10 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1, 2A-2B and 3-9); and
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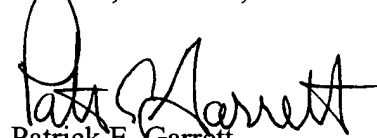
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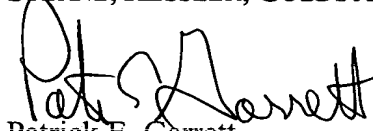
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